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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR EG US

SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH AMCIT PLO MEMBERS

- 1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, PNC MEETING SCHEDULED BEGIN IN CAIRO MARCH 12 IS LIKELY BE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO OUR POLICY PLANNING CONCERNING BOTH PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. IDENTITY AND ARGUMENTATION OF THOSE LINING UP FOR AND AGAINST MODERATE PROPOSALS MAY BE OF AS MUCH SIGNIFICANCE AS ACTUAL FORMAL OUTCOME. ALL WORKING SESSIONS OF PNC WILL BE IN CAMERA.
- 2. ALL EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE FULLY AWARE OF STRICTURES ON CONTACTS WITH PLO MEMBERS AND WE CONTINUE OBSERVE PROHIBITION PUNCTILIOUSLY.
- 3. FOR OUR REPORTING ON PNC, WE WILL RELY CHIEFLY ON GOE. AS IN PAST, WE EXPECT FAHMY AND OTHER MFA OFFICIALS WILL PROVIDE US WITH HELPFUL ACCOUNTS. EGYPTIANS, HOWEVER, OBVIOUSLY HAVE AXES TO GRIND.
- 4. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO SEEK BRIEFINGS FROM ONE CONFIDENTIAL

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OR TWO CAREFULLY SELECTED AMCIT PNC DELEGATES. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR EDWARD SA'ID, FOR EXAMPLE, IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, WE COULD DISCREETLY SOUND HIM OUT.

5. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARMENT'S WISHES. EILTS

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